

## THORN IN BOUQUET CAUSES HER DEATH

Offering of Love on Seventy-first Birthday.

### SEPTIC POISONING RESULTS

Aged Woman Scratched Finger and Physicians Are Unable to Save Life.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Intended as an offering of love, a bouquet of roses presented to Mrs. Catherine Dannbacher, of Madison Avenue, Bay Ridge, on the occasion of her seventy-first birthday, a few days ago, caused her death yesterday, blood poisoning having developed as the result of having scratched one of her fingers with a thorn of one of the rose stems.

At the time little or no attention was paid to the injury, but a few days ago her arm and hand began to swell to such proportions that the other members of the family became alarmed and notified the family doctor, who immediately pronounced the trouble to be septic poisoning.

Her condition continued to grow worse, and yesterday a New York specialist was summoned, who declared that her death was only a question of a few hours.

Mrs. Dannbacher was the wife of Francis Dannbacher, for many years engaged in the restaurant business in Brooklyn. She is survived by her husband, five daughters, and one son.

### SMALL FIRE IN HOUSE 3314 N STREET N W.

One hundred and fifty dollars' damage was occasioned in a house located at 3314 N Street Georgetown, by fire, discovered yesterday afternoon. Firemen responded to the alarm, which was sounded from box 79, and kept the blaze confined to the upper part of the building.

The blaze is said to have originated from sparks flying from a nearby chimney.

### TORPEDO DESTROYERS ORDERED TO GALVESTON

The torpedo destroyers Whipple and Vardine have been ordered to sail from Pensacola on April 5 for Galveston, where they will join the cruisers Minneapolis and Hartford.

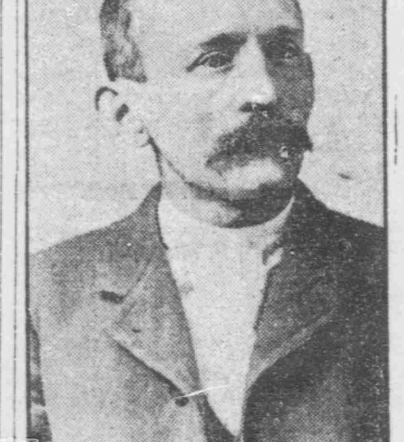
## History of Methodism In City of Alexandria

From 1774 to the Present Sect Has Been an Important Religious Body There—Old Church and Branches.

Alexandria has had two Methodist conferences in session there this month. The second of them has occupied the past four days, and will, it is expected, close today or tomorrow.

Methodists were found in Alexandria within twenty years after John Wesley originated his societies in England. Fairfax appears on the record for the first time in 1774, and is never lost afterward. The report of that year is thirty members.

William Bushby may well be named as the founder of Methodism in Alexandria.



J. E. ALEXANDER,  
Superintendent of Sunday School.

Alexandria. In July, 1786, he conveyed to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Alexandria forty-three by eighty-three feet of ground on Chapel Alley, near the rear of the present Catholic church, upon condition that they should erect thereon a house of worship devoted exclusively and for all time to "the preachers

appointed by the conferences of the M. E. Church."

In 1806 Mr. Bushby regranted the property without condition, and Richard Libby, M. Bexmth, and W. Lamphier sold it to "Priest Neale" for a Catholic church.

**First Official Notice.**  
The first official notice of Alexandria, Fairfax county, as a charge, was in the report of the conference of 1791. Ezekiel Cooper was first appointed in that year. On the 15th of November, 1792, the conference was held in Alexandria, but there is no return of appointments or members in the society.

In 1793 Alexandria appears again, with a preacher Jeremiah Cosden; members, fifty-eight white and forty negroes. The Baltimore annual conference of 1794 designated Alexandria as a station. There were sixty white members and forty negroes. John Bloodgood was appointed preacher in charge for the first six months, and Thomas Anderson for the last six months.

For several years before building the little house of worship in Church Alley the society worshipped in a hay loft of Samuel McDougal on the southeast corner of King and Union Streets, being the third story of the storehouse which still stands. After the sale of this church in Church Alley a lot was purchased from William Hartman for \$1,000 on the east side of Washington Street where the old church now stands. The "Methodist Magazine," published in London in 1804, gives a long letter from one of the trustees, Charles Slade, a hardware merchant, giving a detailed account of a remarkable revival of religion then in progress there under the direction of Bishop Asbury, which resulted in adding 300 members to the church.



South Washington Street M. E. Church.

Fellows Hall in North Columbus Street. There the Rev. James A. Duncan carried on one of the most remarkable revivals among the young men of Alexandria that has ever taken place in that city, and the Southern Church was so far advanced that on September 12, 1850, the cornerstone of the present building in which the conference is now held was laid by the Masons during the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Leo Rosser, and the building was completed in 1852. Only a few years ago the church was entirely remodeled and is now not only one of the finest churches in Alexandria, but also one of the most superb of the Southern churches in Virginia.

**The Original Members.**  
The original and most effective members of the church at its organization were William E. Atwell, Robert Hunter, James Sangster, Harrison Bradley, and Benjamin H. Berry. Only one, Christopher Lyles, still survives. During the civil war the Southern Church was taken and used as a hospital and the meetings of the congregations were suspended. In March, 1865, the Baltimore conference took charge of the Alexandria congregation and has since retained it. The pastors have been the Revs. James Duncan, Anthony Dibrell, Robert Michaels, James Manning, Davis P. Willis, W. C. Mount, W. W. Duncan, George W. Langhorne, William E. Munsey, Ezra F. Busey, J. H. Vaughn, W. K. Boyle, John Kern, R. Smithson, W. J. Young, T. E. Carson, J. T. Williams, E. V. Regester, and the Rev. J. P. Stump, the present popular pastor.

The membership of the church now reaches over 700, and will probably soon reach the 1,000 mark. It has a Sunday school of over 300 pupils, with J. E. Alexander superintendent.

### OLDEST HACK DRIVER IN CHICAGO IS DEAD

CHICAGO, April 2.—Charles Blair, the oldest hack driver in point of years, as well as service, is dead. He was eighty-one years old. For nearly half a century he had been a "jehu" in this city. Among those who were his patrons in olden days were Abraham Lincoln, General Grant, Stephen A. Douglas, Edwin Booth, Joseph Jefferson, Edwin Forrest, William J. Florence, Lawrence Barrett, John L. Sullivan, "Paddy" Ryan, John Morrissey. Scores of others also rode after him, who were prominent in their various occupations.

## Priest's Sermon Led To Suicide of Owens

Redemptorist Preached Against Marriage Between Catholics and Protestants—Fiancee Wrote Breaking Engagement.

UTICA, N. Y., April 2.—The will of John Owens, a young business man of this city, whose home was in the nearby village of Remsen, has been filed for probate. It leaves most of his \$10,000 estate to the young woman whose breaking of their engagement caused him to commit suicide. With the exception of a sister Mr. Owens' relatives are cut off by the will and they will contest it.

The engagement was broken by Mr. Owens' fiancee as the result of a sermon she heard a Catholic priest preach in St. Joseph's Church, in which marriages between Catholics and Protestants

were strongly condemned. The young woman is a devout member of St. Joseph's Church.

Redemptorist priests have been holding a mission in the church, and they have earnestly denounced mixed marriages, of which many have taken place in this city.

Mr. Owens was to have been married in June. He received a letter from him fiancee announcing the breaking off of the engagement, and on Saturday, after telling his mother of its receipt, he shot himself through the head. After mailing the letters to Owens the young woman left for Buffalo to avoid meeting him.

### ONE INDICTMENT FOR SPRINGFIELD LYNCHING

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, April 2.—The grand jury which has been investigating the lynching of Richard Dixon made a partial report to Judge Mower yesterday. One indictment was returned. It was against Earl Sulkins, who was arrested several days ago for being implicated in the lynching.

This step was taken because Police Judge J. J. Miller reduced Sulkins' bond to \$100, and he was about to be released from jail. Sulkins will be arraigned Monday on the indictment.

### DETECTIVE O'DEA'S CHILD IS BURNED WITH LYE

While playing in his mother's yard yesterday Joseph O'Dea, the young son of L. J. O'Dea, of 1221 H Street northeast, found a can with a little lye in it, and was burned about the face and hands in consequence of sprinkling himself with it.

The child was taken to the Casualty Hospital in the patrol wagon of the Ninth precinct, and later taken to his home.

### CHANCES OF COLLEGE MEN.

President Finley, of the New York city college, estimates that the college graduate has one chance in forty of "succeeding in life," whereas the man who has not been to college has only one in 10,000.

### COAL DEALER MOVES INTO LARGER QUARTERS

Owing to the great increase in his business, William J. Zeh, the well-known coal dealer, has leased the two-story building at 1221 G Street northwest. The first floor is devoted entirely to a salesroom, and is arranged in a most convenient manner for the comfort of his patrons.

The second floor is arranged for office work, and here the large force of employees is well provided for. Mr. Zeh has been in the coal business for twelve years, and attributes his great success to three principal features, clean coal, prompt delivery, and attractive prices. His many branch yards are located in all parts of the city.

### PRIVATE T. F. HAVILAND DROWNED IN PHILIPPINES

Thomas F. Haviland, a private in Company I, Fourteenth Infantry, was drowned in the Philippines on March 29, and his body was not recovered. A dispatch received at the War Department this morning from General Wade announced Haviland's death.

### SUPERSTITIOUS PEASANTS.

During a drought in the government of Perm, Russia, last summer, a deacon had a lightning rod put on his house. The peasants were greatly interested in it, but when they learned that it was used to divert the thunderbolts they got greatly excited, and concluded that it had caused the drought. They promptly proceeded to demolish it, and a rain happening to come along soon thereafter they were confirmed in their belief.

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